GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2353
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2002
MINING LEASE AND LICENCES
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for grant of mining lease and prospective licences, pending for clearance with the Union Government, State-wise;

(b) the number of applications cleared during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the remaining proposals;

(d) the time by which these are likely to be cleared; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for early disposal of the remaining applications?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)
(a) to (e): Under Section 10(3) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 Reconnaissance Permits, prospecting licences and Mining Leases are granted by the State Government concerned.Proposals for prior approval of the Central Government for grant of mineral concessions for minerals specified under the First Schedule to the aforesaid Act originate from the respective State Governments and are processed and disposed of by the Central Government as per provisions of law.All efforts are made to expedite approval of Central Government in least possible time. In certain cases, the proposals received from the State Governments are found incomplete and consequently, in such cases, the State Governments are asked to furnish complete information/additional information for expeditious disposal of such cases.
82 applications for grant of reconnaissance permits, prospecting licences and mining leases are pending with the Central Government as on 27.11.2002. 885 applications for grant of mineral concessions have been disposed of during the years 1999-2002, till 27.11.2002. The State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE
Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2353 for 3.12.2002 asked by Shri A. Narendra regarding Mining Lease and Licences

Sl.No.	State	No.of Applications+ disposed during 1999-2002 (As on 27.11.2002)	No. of Applications+ pending (As on 27.11.2002)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	146	04
2.	Bihar	19	-
3.	Goa	13	01
4.	Gujarat	37	03
5.	Haryana	07	-
6.	Himachal Pradesh	06	01
7	Jammu & Kashmir	03	-
8.	Karnataka	108	05
9.	Kerala	27	05
10.	Madhya Pradesh	85	10
11.	Maharashtra	52	09

12.	Orissa	108	17
13.	Rajasthan	107	15
14.	Sikkim	2	-
15.	Tamil Nadu	121	13
16.	Uttar Pradesh	3	-
17.	Jharkhand	14	03
18.	Chhattisgarh	27	05
	Total:	885	82

+ Applications mean applications for grant of reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence and mining lease.